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Industrial status to Livestock
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether livestock contributes 25 percent of gross value added in the agriculture sector;

(b) Whether the Union Government has proposed to provide industrial status to the livestock, if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether it is a fact that animal husbandry sector is facing challenges such as delivery of services, shortage of feed and fodder and frequent occurrence of deadly diseases;

(d) If so, whether to achieve the growth rate of 5-6 per cent per annum, the animal husbandry sector would need to address these important challenges if so, the details thereof; and

(e) The present growth rate of animal husbandry sector and the schemes prepared and implemented by the Government to achieve the growth rate?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) As per estimates of the Central Statistics Office(CSO), the Gross Value Added from Livestock sector at current price was about Rs.4,06,035 crore during 2013-14 which is about 21.58% of the Gross Value Added(GVA) from total Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing sector at current prices and 22.75% at constant prices(2011-12).
(b) No, Madam.
(c)& (d) Animal Husbandry sector does face challenges for delivery of services in poultry, small ruminants, feed and fodder including frequent occurrence of deadly animal diseases such as highly pathogenic Avian Influenza, Newcastle Disease and Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR).

To address these important challenges in the animal husbandry sector, Government is implementing National Livestock Mission (NLM) from the Financial Year 2014-15, comprise four Sub-Missions as following:
1. Sub-Mission on Livestock Development,
2. Sub-Mission on Pig Development in North-eastern Region,
3. Sub-Mission on Fodder and Feed Development,
4. Sub-Mission on Skill Development, Technology Transfer and Extension.

However, to address the issues/challenges pertaining to Livestock Health, Department is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme' Livestock Health & Disease Control' now renamed as 'Veterinary Services & Animal Health' under which financial assistance is provided to States/UTs for preventive immunization against economical important animal diseases including poultry. Funds are also provided to State/UTs under the scheme for control and containment of animal disease including for robust surveillance, health care infrastructure and awareness campaign. Department is taking timely measures for prevention, control and containment of Avian Influenza outbreaks in the country through an Action Plan of the Department.
Department has also launched National Control Programmes for major animal diseases like FMD, PPR, Brucellosis and Classical Swine Fever as part of Livestock Health and Disease Control now renamed as Veterinary Services & Animal Health.
The National Programme for Bovine Breeding and Dairy Development (NPBBDD) has been initiated by the Government in February, 2014 with a view to arrange quality artificial insemination services at farmer's doorstep and to bring all breeding through Artificial Insemination or natural services using germplasm of high genetic merits. The component of Dairy Development in NPBBDD aims to integrate milk production and dairying activities in a scientific and holistic manner, so as to attain higher level of milk production and productivity, to meet the increasing demand for milk in the country.

(e) Livestock sector recorded a growth of 5.5% gross value added in financial year 2013-14 as compared to the previous year at constant base year price i.e. 2011-12. In order to achieve higher growth rate of animal husbandry sector during 12th Five year Plan period, a number of schemes are being implemented by Government of India, the details of which are given in the Annexure.